The Naval wives welfare Association have also been active in assisting the next of kin of the deceased personnel in finding appropriate employment

(f) Does not arise

Tribal Development Schemes of Spices Board

4885 SHRIMATI D K BHANDARI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Spices Board have tribal Development Schemes also ,

(b) whether the large cardamom growers of Sikkim, of which more than 80% are tribals, have been benefited by such Tribal Development Schemes ,

(c) if so, details thereof , and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY IF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes Sir

(c) The Spices Board is implementing a number of development schemes (both short term and long term) for helping tribal growers engaged in cardamom cultivation The schemes include -(1) Extension support to farmers for imparting technical know how to farmers on all aspects of cultivation processing and marketing , (ii) Certified nurseries for making quality planting materials available to them for replantation & gap filling, (iii) Supply of plant protection equipments like sprayers and dusters for ensuring timely pests & disease control operations, (iv) Supply of agricultural implements at nominal costs, (v) Providing special incentives for replanting old and senile gardens, (vi) Supporting community irrigation & curing facilities by extending financial assistance, (vii) Supporting construction of water storage devices like check dams, ponds and wells by extending financial support

(d) Does not arise

Export of Fish

4886 SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL Will the Minister if COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a great potential in export of fish from Gujarat particularly from Porbandar , and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to boost export of fish from the state?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) There are at present 15 seafood processing plants in Gujarat of which 4 are engaged in production of value added products A processing plant in the private sector with Japanese collaboration is being established to process exclusively the low value fish available in the state to produce value added products such as Surimi MPEDA has also proposed to set up toxicological laboratory at Veraval to help the seafood trade ub tugs region to export material free form toxic elements

Trade Protocols with RPA Countries

4887 SHRI MOHAN SINGH Will the minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the rupee payment area countries with which the Government have trade protocols for imports / exports on barter system or otherwise ,

(b) the norms / criteria laid down for imports / exports ,